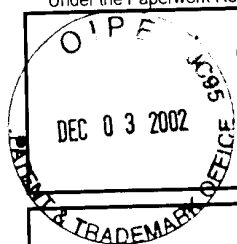


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Attorney Docket No.	03143-P0082A
First Named Inventor	Ronny Knepple
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)) of prior application number Germany 198 06 049.1 filed on February 13, 1998, entitled "Method For Labelling Sample Containers".

NOTES

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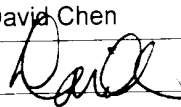
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6. Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4516:
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- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17 (patent processing).
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10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.
11. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____
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Signature	
Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	46,613
Date	December 3, 2002

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